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Dear Colonel Ford:

I would like to invite you to participate in a conference dealing with "Balkans Regional Questions" which will be held at CIA Headquarters on June 12 and 13. We will begin the conference at 6:30 pm June 11 with a reception and dinner at which Ambassador Robert Barry will speak on "The Strategic Importance of the Balkans for the United States." On June 12, we would also like you to be our guest at a noon luncheon. In addition to your own participation, your office is invited to send a representative to the conference. (The size of the available meeting room dictates this limit.)

As indicated on the attached agenda, nine outside experts on the region will present brief remarks, followed by a panel discussion, and questions from the audience. The purpose of the conference is to elicit the views of these specialists on Balkan affairs at a time when the area is once more the scene of ferment, and the potential challenges to US interests may be increasing. The entire conference will be conducted at the confidential level.

I would appreciate your letting our conference secretary, [redacted] know as soon as possible but no later than June 7, whether you will be able to attend and who from your organization will be joining you. Confidential clearances should be passed at the same time. [redacted] can be contacted at [redacted]

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Sincerely,

George Kolt
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